CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1.   A file display device, comprising:

display means for displaying a content of a file having a plurality of pages in a window;

storage means for storing a display area of a given page of the file displayed in the window; and

determination means for determining a display area of a page to be displayed next in the window, based on the display area of the given page stored in the storage means.

2.   The file display device according to Claim 1, wherein the determination means determines a display area of a page to be displayed next so that the same display area as that of the given page is displayed.

3.   The file display device according to Claim 1, further comprising directing means for outputting a direction to the storage means, wherein the storage means stores a display area of a given page displayed in the window when the storage means receives a direction from the directing means.

4.   The file display device according to Claim 1, further comprising area selection means for selecting a certain area within the given page displayed in the window.

5.   The file display device according to Claim 4, wherein the certain area selected by the area selection means is also displayed in a page other than the given page.

6. The file display device according to Claim 4, further comprising sifting means for shifting the certain area selected by the area selection means so that the certain area is substantially at the central region of the window.

7. The file display device according to Claim 4, further comprising searching means for searching text information within the certain area selected by the area selection means over a plurality of pages in the file.

8. A form display device, comprising:

    a storage unit for storing a form file, wherein a single form page generated conforming to a given regular form corresponds to a single page and a plurality of form pages composes a single file;

    a display unit for displaying the form file stored in the storage unit in units of a page; and

    a display determination unit for determining a display area of the form file on the display unit so that the display area is fixed to the same position within the form when the page is switched to another page.

9. The file display device according to Claim 8, further comprising a direction unit for directing the display determination unit to place an area within the form in the central region of the display area.

10. The file display device according to Claim 8, further comprising:

    a selection unit for specifying a given area within the form as a selection area; and

    a searching unit for searching text information within the selection area specified by

the selection unit over a plurality of form pages in the form file.

11.   A file display method of displaying a file having a plurality of pages in a window of a display, comprising the steps of:

displaying a given page in the file in the window;

storing a display area of the given page displayed in the window; and

displaying another page in the file in the window so that the same display area as that of the given page is displayed on the basis of the display area of the stored given page.

12.   The file display method according to Claim 11, further comprising the steps of:

selecting a certain area within the given page displayed in the window; and

displaying the certain area in the window with the area shifted into substantially the central region of a display area of the window.

13.   The file display method according to Claim 11, further comprising the steps of:

selecting a certain area within the given page displayed in the window;

receiving a keyword associated with selected the certain area;

comparing the keyword with text information contained in the certain area corresponding to each page of the file one after another; and

displaying a page of the file containing the text information in the window if the keyword and the text information match.

14. A display method, comprising the steps of:

displaying a first page in a window on a display;

storing a display area of the first page displayed in the window; and

displaying a second page in the window so that the same display area as that of the first page is displayed, based on the display area of the stored first page.

15. A program product for causing a computer to execute a function of displaying a file having a plurality of pages in a window on a display, the program causing the computer to execute the functions of:

displaying a given page in the file in the window;

storing a display area of the given page displayed in the window; and

displaying another page in the file in the window so that the same display area as that of the given page is displayed, based on the display area of the stored given page.

16. The program product according to Claim 15, wherein the program further causes the computer to execute the functions of:

selecting a certain area within the given page displayed in the window; and

displaying the certain area in the window with the area shifted into substantially the central region of the display area of the window.

17. The program product according to Claim 15, wherein the program further causes the computer to execute the functions of:

selecting a certain area within the given page displayed in the window;

receiving a keyword associated with selected the certain area;

comparing the keyword with text information contained in the certain area corresponding to each page of the file one after another; and

displaying a page of the file containing the text information in the window if the keyword and the text information match.

18. A program product causing a computer to execute the functions of:

displaying a first page in a window on a display;

storing a display area of the first page displayed in the window; and

displaying a second page in the window so that the same display area as that of the first page is displayed, based on the display area of the stored first page.